

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

Monday, Nov. 26th – Psalm 95:1-5; John 1:1-4

This week we will be looking at texts that point to and declare Jesus as King. As we read this Psalm, there are a few things we learn about our King and His role. We are called to sing to the Lord in verse 1. Why can we sing and shout (vs. 1)? As we move to verse 2 we see the continued call to sing praise and thanksgiving. Why are we to do this (vs. 3)? What qualifies the Lord to be King over all gods (vss. 4 and 5)? Turning to John's Gospel, what does he say about Jesus? How does this demonstrate that Jesus is the King of gods and that he is God? In your own thinking about what we have read in these two texts, what makes Jesus King of all? How would you explain this to someone who asked you why you think Jesus is King? It is important for us to be clear as to why Jesus is our King, and not just our president. If you struggle with the explanation, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you. This is a prayer that will be answered, for it is humble and a servant's question.

Tuesday, Nov. 27th – 1 Timothy 6:12-21

We will read Paul's encouragement to young Timothy today and find what Paul has to say about Jesus as King. We pick up the letter with Paul exhorting Timothy. What is he to do (vss. 12-14)? Why should Timothy do these things (vs. 14)? And what is the reason that no fault should be found (vs. 15)? What defines the King of kings and Lord of lords according to Paul (vs. 16)? As we move on, who is Timothy to teach and what is the lesson they need to learn (vss. 17-18)? How does this teaching relate to verses 15-16? What role will money play if not kept in check? What will happen when money is used wisely (vs. 19)? What is the final warning to Timothy, and us, today (vs. 20a)? How do you avoid this possible trap (vs. 20b)? Why should you avoid this trap (vs. 21)? Now pause and consider if you live your life and manage your money in the light that Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. Whom do you argue with over this? What changes might need to be made, in order to begin living as royal priest under Jesus' Kingship?

Wednesday, Nov. 28th – Matthew 2:1-8 Hanging of the Greens tonight at 5:45.

We ended our Journey through the Bible with Balaam's prophecy of Jesus, the newborn king. Who are those who verbally declares Jesus as a King (vss. 1-2)? Who is upset by the request to find the newborn King and how does he address the issue (vss. 3-4)? What is the response of the priests and religious leaders (vss. 5-6)? This prophecy actually comes from Micah, not Numbers. So, what is the sign that is prompting all of this commotion (vs. 2)? What does Herod ask the Wiseman about in verse 7? Now read Numbers 24:17. What is Balaam's prophecy? Do you see a consistency over a thousand years in God's establishment of His Kingdom here on earth? What does Herod instruct the wise men to do (vs. 8)? Do you believe that Herod is really interested in worshipping someone who will replace him? How are we sometimes like Herod, when it comes to worshipping Jesus? When do we think we are King and will handle things? When do we fail to submit to the Lordship of Jesus over our lives? Spend some time pondering where you like to be King and repent of that desire. Also, spend some time in worship of Jesus.

Thursday, Nov. 29th – Mark 15:1-2 and 16-20

Yesterday we read of the announcement of the newborn King. Today we look at the end of the story and how the declaration of being the King of the Jews plays out. It is a stark contrast of the beginning of Jesus' life. We open up with a discussion between Pilate and Jesus. What does Pilate ask Jesus (vss. 1-2)? How did Jesus answer? We read yesterday about wise men coming to worship the King of the Jews. What happens 33 years later (vss. 16-19)? While they have the title right, they have everything else wrong. What does this lead to (vs. 20)? Consider our culture today, even with some in the church. How is the King of the Jews mocked today? Do you see the connection of mocking to crucifying? We can discard too easily that which we mock and give it no value. This should make us pause and consider if we find ourselves mocking Jesus. What do we discount that He commands? What do we choose to ignore? Where might our choices and behavior be getting ready to crucify the one true and eternal King? How might things be, if we lived as Jesus is our King?

Friday, Nov. 30th – Revelation 17:11-14

As we close the last day of Daily Bible Study for the 2018 church calendar year, we read about the final victory Jesus will have and why. We are actually jumping into the middle of a prophecy about the great prostitute, who in John's time was Rome. This text is both metaphor and reality at the same time. Who will rise to worldly power (vs. 11)? The Scarlet Beast is a king, but has others under him. How many rulers will this king have (vs. 12)? What will they agree to regarding the Scarlet Beast (vs. 13)? As we read on, who are they going to go to battle against (vs. 14a)? Who is the Lamb? Who will win this battle and why (vss. 14b)? Now consider all the politics and politicians today. They are here today and gone tomorrow. They will make mistakes, and some will govern poorly. But notice that they will just govern. They do not rule. The only who rules is the Lamb, Jesus. The only one worthy of our all is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, for He has won the battle and the rest of these disputes are nothing but skirmishes. So, sleep well tonight. Your King reigns now and forever. Amen.

Saturday, Dec 1st – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Jeremiah 33:14-17.